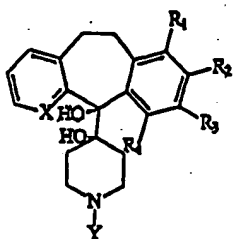


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12 (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 11 [any preceding claim] comprising the preparation of an intermediate diol of Formula III:



(III)

(wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and X are as defined in claim 2 and Y is as defined in claim 8).

13. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 12 [any preceding claim] wherein said low valent titanium consists essentially of Ti (II).

14. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 13 [any preceding claim] wherein low valent titanium is prepared *in situ*.

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17. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 [any preceding claim] for preparing Loratadine.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made solely to remove multiple dependent claims and entry of the same before calculation of the filing fee is requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for